

Chief is doing 22 pushups for 22 days to raise awareness for veteran suicide prevention programs.

# News Village Hall



**Fall 2016** 

## President's Letter

As Summer comes to an end, I hope that you were able to enjoy all the outdoor activities that our community affords. We are fortunate to have some of the best areas in the country for riding, walking, birding, biking, fishing, and boating. All of these activities can be enjoyed just footsteps from our front doors.

This Fall we will be upgrading and maintaining the Village Hall with fresh paint and flooring along with updates to the public meeting rooms and bathroom facilities. It has been 27 years since many of the rooms have been painted. In addition we will be looking for residents to help supply photographs and art work of iconic images



and scenes which represent our community. Stay tuned for information on how to make submissions.

We also are updating our website to make it more user friendly. We will be streamlining areas to better serve our residents' needs, while providing content which celebrates and promotes all of the wonderful events, activities, conservation groups, and philanthropies found in and around our Village. Another objective of this upgrade is to make the site experience favorable for those who might be considering Barrington Hills as their next address to call home. This launch is tentatively scheduled for late October and we will be promoting this with local realtors in November. The date and location will be available on our website's event calendar for those that are interested in attending.

I am proud that we are able to move forward with these much needed building renovations and website improvements while at the same time we remain on track to lower our levy and improve our cash reserves.

A special thank you to Ken Bosworth who will be stepping down in November as Chairman of our Plan Commission. Ken has selflessly served on various boards for over 16 years where he judiciously guided our community through difficult issues with great balance and aplomb. He served under 3 Village presidents and his commitment and leadership will certainly be missed.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Village Fall Festival October 16th!

President McLaughlin

## BARRINGTON HILLS FESTIVAL 2016 EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

Since 2013 we've been hosting The Hills Are Alive, our community's fall festival. The festival brings together neighbors and organizations to celebrate our unique offerings.

We hope you will join us **Sunday October 16th from 1pm to 5pm** at the Barrington Hills Park District Riding Center, 361 Bateman Road, as we explore the outdoors.



First 300 kids: fly and take home a kite

Whether you are a kid, a mom, a dad, a birder, a biker, a runner, a hiker, an equestrian, or just a neighbor that enjoys a lazy afternoon of hayrides and camaraderie, plan to join us.

We need energized participants! Donations are great, volunteers are needed and area organizations are encouraged to get involved with the fun. Email or call Anna at fest@vbhil.gov or 847.551.3000 to discuss the best way for you or your organization to be part of The Hills Are Alive.

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## **Bridge Finally OPEN**

On Friday August 12th, 2016, a ribbon was cut at the former "Cuba Road Bridge". Making the first pass over the bridge wasn't a congressman, a mayor or a trustee, it was a contingent of veterans. The bridge now honors them.

It is with great pride that the Village is able to rename the bridge to honor those who have served our country and sacrificed so.

#### With gratitude, the bridge is now to be known as Veterans' Crossing.

The reconstruction of the bridge was not an optional project. The Village is thankful that IDOT undertook the project and assumed 80% of the costs. We thank all the organizations and individuals who worked, and pushed to get the project completed as quickly as possible.

Thank you to all the residents who remained patient during the closure and delays.

## **ZBA Reviewing Commercial Horse Boarding**

The ZBA is now reviewing our current zoning regulations regarding horse boarding. A new law was passed in 2015 informally known as the "Anderson II" text amendment. The new law allowed, for the first time, large scale commercial boarding activity to take place within our residentially zoned community. Prior to that time, boarding of horses was allowed and regulated through our Home Occupation Ordinance (HOO). The HOO restricted all businesses being conducted in the Village to a certain size and scope. The 2015 "Anderson II" amendment took commercial horse boarding out of the HOO and crafted a separate code section for these types of commercial enterprises. After the new law allowing for large scale commercial boarding was passed, the Village was immediately pulled into litigation by residents who sought to preserve our formal residential zoning status. In May 2016, there was a new proposed amendment forwarded to the ZBA for review which initiated the current discussions and consideration.

The ZBA has met several times and the discussions have centered around the commercial boarding of horses within the Village. The ownership and personal enjoyment of horses and equestrian traditions of our Village are not in question. The preservation of open space, the continuation of our trail systems, and the ability to own and enjoy horses in Barrington Hills is not in question.

The consideration and review that is actively taking place at the ZBA is seeking to create a reasonable balance between residential property rights and rights of property owners who wish to board horses for neighbors and for people outside of our community.

The consideration, is ongoing and should any action be recommended by the ZBA, the issue would then move to the BOT for further consideration, review and either approval, denial, or to be sent back to the ZBA for further consideration.

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### BACOG Annual Water Testing Event Pickup Sept. 26 -30

Most Barrington Hills residents have private wells that draw water from the shallow aquifer system. There are no testing regulations for private wells; that means only **you** are responsible for making sure your home's water is safe to drink. The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) partners with the Lake County Health Department laboratories to make private well water testing fast, easy and inexpensive for BACOG residents.



#### **Test Kit Pick-Up**

September 26th - 30th 9am - 5pm Village Hall, 112 Algonquin Road \$16 per kit, reduced fee. Exact cash or check (payable "Lake County Health Department") ONLY.



## Filled Test Kit Drop-Off One Day Only: OCTOBER 5th 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm The Garlands of Barrington 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington

Contact BACOG with any questions (847) 381-7871.

### Does My Water Have Lead In It?

BACOG presents "Lead in Drinking Water"

October 5, 2016 | 6:00 PM

**Garlands of Barrington**: 1000 Garlands Ln, Barrington, IL 60010

#### Featured Speaker:

Walt Kelly, Head of the Groundwater Science Section of the Illinois State Water Survey. Kelly is a groundwater geochemist with the Survey, and he will address sources of lead and what to do if your home has lead.

## A COMBINED 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### **JoAnne Gumprecht 20 Years of Service**

JoAnne began her career as a part time dispatcher in 1994, becoming full time in 1995. She was moved into the Records Division after demonstrating an exceptional ability to organize and streamline the operation of the unit. JoAnne's work ethic and dedication to the Department led to her promotion to Supervisor of Records and Communications in November of 1998. Last year the Village consolidated our dispatch center; JoAnne was an extremely valuable member of the team and with her leadership the transition was seamless.



#### Alice Runvik 25 Years of Service



Alice started as a part time dispatcher, but quickly became full time on February 1, 1991. In her early years she worked in the Records Division and assisted in Dispatch. Alice's dedication and strong work ethic led to a 1995 promotion to the Chief's Administrative Assistant. She served in that position for 4 separate Chiefs!

Earlier this year Alice was moved into the newly created Human Resource Coordinator position to better utilize her knowledge of all aspects of BHPD. The Chief stated that he "personally relies on Alice, every day for her knowledge and expertise."

#### **Dominic Caputo 30 Years of Service**

During his 30 year career, Dominic "Dom" has served the Department as a Detective, Corporal, Field Training Officer, Range Officer, Surplus Property Manager, Fleet Manager, and Motor Officer. Dom has always been known for his strong work ethic and he is consistently one of our most productive officers.

In June of this year, Dom suffered a very serious leg injury after his vehicle was struck head on while working an overnight shift. Dom is recovering and hopes to be back on the Harley soon; his injury serves as a reminder to all officers of how dangerous police work can be.



JoAnne, Alice and Dominic, the Village thanks you for your years of dedicated service.

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## **Want your Home Records?**

The Village Hall is doing some housekeeping. The State of Illinois requires communities to retain building permit documents for 15 years. We have permits that are much, much older. Instead of letting them crumble to dust, we are allowing residents to request any documents that pertain to their property.

#### Email mypermits@vbhil.gov

Place your address in the subject line Include your name, your address and a phone number in the body of the email. You will receive a return email letting you know if there are any records ready to be picked up.

Please submit requests prior to December 31, 2016. After this date, the Village will begin the process of properly disposing of old records.

## **Other Road News**

The 2016 Program is underway. It includes culvert replacement, patching, and resurfacing. Locations of work include Helm Road (Algonquin Rd. to Village Limits), Healy Road (Dundee Rd. to Penny Rd.), Woodcreek Road, Tamarack Lane, River Road, Hawthorne Lane, and Lake View Lane. The bid for the project came in well below our budgeted amount, so we are putting the low asphalt prices to good use and will be adding another half mile of road resurfacing, while still coming in below budget.

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